

# Special Events



*Special events can be just the ticket if you're looking for an opportunity that is done in a day. If you're short on time, but want to help in a big way, one of these organization's special events could fit your schedule. If you have a little more time, why not help with event planning and ideas and be a part of making your organization's event the best ever?*

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

2201 W. Sudbury Dr., Ste. C 47403  
336-8423 / 888-635-9254  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Tricia Bock  
**Email:** [tbrock@cancer.org](mailto:tbrock@cancer.org)

**Minimum Age:** 16  
**w/Parental Supervision:** 14

*Dedicated to finding a cure for cancer through research and advocacy, early detection and prevention through community education and patient services including support groups, nutrition, medical equipment and information.*

\* Office volunteers are needed. Duties include answering the phone, filing and special projects. Teens can arrange a cancer prevention day or special presentations at their school. Many special events throughout the year offer opportunities for teen volunteers. All ages are welcome on cancer education projects; however, some special events may involve a minimum age limit.

## BELL TRACE HEALTH AND LIVING CENTER

725 Bell Trace Circle 47408  
323-2858  
[www.belltrace.com](http://www.belltrace.com)

**Volunteer Contact:** Kira Shemesh  
**Email:** [bthlact@cardon.us](mailto:bthlact@cardon.us)

**Minimum Age:** 16

*A for-profit, full service nursing home facility with skilled and dementia care.*

\* Volunteers are needed at this for-profit facility from 10 - 11 am or 2 - 4 pm any day of the week to hang out with the residents, read to them, and play card games and Bingo with them. Also needed are volunteers to help with special events such as holiday parties, band concerts and carnivals (please call for dates and times).

## BEVERLY HEALTHCARE OF BLOOMINGTON

155 E. Burks Dr. 47401  
332-4437  
[www.beverlycares.com](http://www.beverlycares.com)

**Volunteer Contact:** Joanne Shank  
**Email:** [joanne\\_shank@beverlycares.com](mailto:joanne_shank@beverlycares.com)

**Minimum Age:** 16  
**w/Parental Supervision:** 12

*A for-profit nursing home with about 130 residents that makes extensive use of volunteers as friendly visitors.*

\* Regular visitors are sought, as well as volunteers who will share their talents, particularly entertainers and pianists. Volunteers also needed for special occasions, such as holiday parties and one-time events.

## BLOOMINGTON PLAYWRIGHTS PROJECT

107 W. 9th St. 47404  
334-1188  
[www.newplays.org](http://www.newplays.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Rachael Himsel  
**Email:** [bppwrite@newplays.org](mailto:bppwrite@newplays.org)

**Minimum Age:** 14

*Dedicated to supporting theatre artists through Mainstage plays, Dark Alley Late-night plays, theatre education programs and an Ensemble of Artists. The BPP celebrates 25 years of producing new American theatre!*

\* All ages can volunteer. Types of activities may include acting, directing, stage construction, costuming, script reading, ushering, publicity and office work.

## BLOOMINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Johnson Creamery, 400 E. Seventh St. 47404  
337-1315  
[www.bloomington.in.us/~bso](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~bso)

**Volunteer Contact:** Denise Valkerie  
**Email:** [bloomington\\_om@yahoo.com](mailto:bloomington_om@yahoo.com)

**Minimum Age:** All Ages

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BSO's Instrument Recovery Program accepts new or used musical instruments, reconditions them and lends them at no charge to children who would not otherwise have an opportunity to play. They also provide music lessons at no charge using volunteers from the BSO and IU in conjunction with Edgewood Intermediate School.

\* Classically Trained Musicians dedicated to performing a repertoire of serious music can join the orchestra as a volunteer. Please call or email for an audition. The BSO concert season runs from late August through April. The organization also provides music education to the community. There are also opportunities to assist with programs and special events as a Reception Host or Usher as needed.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Lincoln St. Unit

311 S. Lincoln St., PO Box 1716 47402-1716  
332-5311

[www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org](http://www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org)

Crestmont Unit

1108 N. Summit St.  
PO Box 1716 47402-1716  
336-6501

[www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org](http://www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Sarah Ward (Main Club)    **Minimum Age:** 14  
or Hannah Brewer (Crestmont Club)  
**Email:** [bgclub@bloomington.in.us](mailto:bgclub@bloomington.in.us)

An afterschool, summer and nonschool day program for boys and girls ages 6-18 with a variety of age appropriate programs to meet every youth's needs.

\* Share your knowledge of a particular skill in sports, dance, cooking, art, music, cheerleading, group clubs or be a tutor/mentor.

## BUSKIRK-CHUMLEY THEATER

PO Box 1323, 114 E. Kirkwood 47402  
323-3020

[www.buskirkchumley.org](http://www.buskirkchumley.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Sarah Enelow    **Minimum Age:** 14  
**Email:** [volunteer@buskirkchumley.org](mailto:volunteer@buskirkchumley.org)

An historic theater featuring a wide variety of community events, including everything from dance to theater, movies, classical music, jazz, folk, rock, comedy, children's events and more.

\* This historic landmark theater needs ushers, who arrive dressed in black and white an hour ahead of show time so the house manager can train you. Plan to stay through the end of the

performance to help the patrons out of the theater. You get to see most of the shows you work for free, plus after ushering two events in one month, you get a free ticket to a show the following month. People are also needed to hang posters and fliers around downtown Bloomington and the IU campus. Pick them up when you can and tape/staple them around town where it's convenient for you to go. The more the better!

## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

3410 S. Old State Rd. 37 47401  
349-3872 or 349-3492 front desk  
[www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter)

**Volunteer Contact:** Kathy Obrakta    **Minimum Age:** 16, but varies  
**Email:** [obraktak@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:obraktak@bloomington.in.gov)    **w/Parental Supervision:** 13

An open admission animal shelter providing care and shelter to homeless animals. Volunteers are essential to the care and comfort of shelter animals. BACC provides sheltering for homeless animals, assists in re-uniting lost pets with their families, and welcomes visitors to adopt a new best friend.

\* Teens can volunteer to take care of cats, walk dogs, do follow-up lost pet reports, help at the front desk, work at special events, and more. Volunteers take a 2 to 3 hour per week regular shift. Call 349-3872 for information on the next new volunteer orientation and training.

## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON VOLUNTEER NETWORK

401 N. Morton St., Ste.260  
349-3472  
[www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer)

**Volunteer Contact:** Bet Savich    **Minimum Age:** All Ages  
**Email:** [savichb@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:savichb@bloomington.in.gov)

Promotes and facilitates volunteer activities throughout the community and assists agencies in the recruitment, utilization and management of volunteers.

\* All ages can earn the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) through service to your community. Every hour of volunteer service that you perform over the course of a year can be counted toward your award total. Youth 14 and under earn the bronze award after 50 volunteer hours. Youth 15 to 18 earn the bronze award after 100 hours. Silver and Gold Awards can also be earned. Recipients receive an official PVSA lapel pin and certificate of achievement from the President of the United States and an official City of Bloomington lapel pin and letter of recog-

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dition from the Mayor of Bloomington. Sign up now for the Weekly Volunteer Update to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities! The CBNV is the home of this Teens Volunteer guide. Help us make it better by sending in your ideas and photos of you or your group volunteering!

## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON SPECIAL PROJECTS

401 N. Morton St., Ste. 260 47404  
349-3471  
[www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd)

**Volunteer Contact:** Craig Brenner      **Minimum Age:** 13  
**Email:** [brennecr@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:brennecr@bloomington.in.gov)

*The Department's Special Projects include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, Commission on the Status of Women, Council for Community Accessibility, and Commission on the Status of Black Males.*

\* Help is needed with board and commission special projects and events such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the annual Women's History Month Luncheon. Teens can also assist with the surveying of businesses for wheelchair accessibility.

## COMMUNITY JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER

223 S. Pete Ellis Dr., Suite 11 47408  
336-8677  
[www.bloomington.in.us/~mediate](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~mediate)

**Volunteer Contact:** Amy Dowell      **Minimum Age:** 14  
**Email:** [cjam@bloomington.in.us](mailto:cjam@bloomington.in.us)

*CJAM promotes a civil and just community through mediation, education and restorative justice. Programs and services include: Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program, Shoplifter's Alternative, community mediation (for neighborhood, school, family or business conflicts) as well as a variety of workshops and training on conflict resolution.*

\* In general, teens can help with special events or projects, distributing flyers and brochures, and making referrals to mediation. Once a teen has received "Basic Mediation Training" they can co-mediate cases with adult mediators and help out with conflict resolution workshops for youth. After training, there is an ongoing commitment of 3-6 hours per month.

## IU HILLTOP GARDEN AND NATURE CENTER

2301 E. 10th St. 47405  
855-2799  
[www.indiana.edu/~hilltop](http://www.indiana.edu/~hilltop)

**Volunteer Contact:** Marcia Pluta-Figueiredo      **Minimum Age:** All Ages  
**Email:** [hilltop@indiana.edu](mailto:hilltop@indiana.edu)

*Dedicated to providing service, programs and education in gardening, horticulture and nature-based activities for enhancing the well being of individuals and society. Programs include youth gardening, parent/child gardening, adult education, demonstration gardens and therapeutic horticulture.*

\* Volunteers wash pots, clean greenhouses, and seed and transplant plants; others work outdoors to maintain the grounds. There is a job for everyone. Teens over 16 years of age can help with advertising and marketing of programs and workshops. Includes creating and distributing flyers, writing community service announcements and press releases, and locating other avenues for Hilltop to advertise their services to the community. Time commitment is approximately 3-5 hours a month.

## MONROE COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION

PO Box 1334 47402  
335-9453 or 333-MCHA (6242)  
[www.monroehumane.org](http://www.monroehumane.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Sarah Delone      **Minimum Age:** 16  
**Email:** [educate@bluemarble.net](mailto:educate@bluemarble.net)      **w/Parental Supervision:** 13

*Nonprofit organization that promotes respect and responsibility for all animals through humane education, community outreach, programming to assist in lowering the number of homeless animals in Monroe County, fundraising, and direct financial assistance to the Bloomington Animal Care and Control Animal Shelter.*

\* Teens can volunteer for Pet Partners® and visit nursing homes, schools and other facilities to share the joy of their animal companions with those in need. Or they can work at special events and special projects such as the annual pet food drive or take an important role in the planning of the Walk for the Animals or volunteer at this event in late September/early October. Office assistants are also needed.

## MUSICAL ARTS YOUTH ORCHESTRA/CENTER

508 N. Washington St. 47401  
330-0890  
[www.bloomington.in.us/~mayo](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~mayo)

**Volunteer Contact:** Julia Copeland      **Minimum Age:** 16  
**Email:** [mayo@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mayo@bloomington.in.us)

*The Musical Arts Youth Orchestra provides a quality musical experience for young people from grade school through age 21. The Musical Arts Youth Center offers quality music enrichment/education workshops.*

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\* There are myriad ways for teens to get involved with the orchestra, jazz and chamber music programs. Assistance is needed answering phones, assisting with projects, distributing flyers and creating posters, taking photos at special events and concerts, helping to make Music Center signs and helping with children's music education classes.

## OPTIONS FOR BETTER LIVING

PO Box 1732, 200 E. Winslow Rd. 47402-1732  
332-9615 ext 208  
www.optionsfbl.com

**Volunteer Contact:** Evie Madsen      **Minimum Age:** 16  
**Email:** emadsen@optionsfbl.com

*Options partners with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self directed and fulfilled lives. Provides residential, community and employment services, targeted case management and support.*

\* Be an event and party volunteer at Chocolate Fest, the Annual Picnic, Halloween Party, and the Holiday Open House- a variety of positions are available year round for pre-event, planning and onsite volunteering. Assistance with copying, filing, typing, mailings and database entry is also needed.

## RHINO'S YOUTH CENTER

325½ S. Walnut St. 47401  
333-3430  
www.bloomington.in.us/~rhinos

**Volunteer Contact:** Brad Wilhelm      **Minimum Age:** All Ages  
**Email:** rhinos@bloomington.in.us

*An all-ages music club and youth center that features bands on the weekends and after-school programming in an alcohol-free, smoke-free environment. Operated by Harmony School Corp. with support from the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department.*

\* Teen volunteers are always needed. Consider the weekly Community Mural Project for youth volunteers to create art and display it in People's Park, the Youth Radio program at WFHB Community Radio, weekly concerts and promotions, the Youth Journalism Project, or participate in the production of "Rhinoplasty" a teen-produced TV show aired weekly in cooperation with CATS.

## STONE BELT

2815 E. 10th St. 47408  
332-2168, ext. 279  
www.stonebelt.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Larry Pejeau      **Minimum Age:** 13  
**Email:** lpejeau@stonebelt.org

*Prepares, empowers and supports persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate in the life of the community.*

\* Volunteer jobs include working with individuals in their residential program or vocational rehabilitation program, organizing special events, assisting with fundraising events and activities, assisting with agency public relations, or volunteering at the Infant and Child Developmental Services in various capacities.

## WINDFALL DANCERS

120 S. College Ave. 47404  
334-0506  
www.windfalldancers.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Kristen Miles      **Minimum Age:** 14  
**Email:** artdirector@windfalldancers.org      **w/Parental Supervision:** 13

*Since 1978, the Windfall Dancers and the Windfall School of Dance have embraced diversity, offering friendly, affordable and accessible dance instruction for all interested persons.*

\* Teens can help by working at Windfall's IU Athletics concession stand, posting flyers for shows and helping with dance productions.

## WONDERLAB

308 W. 4th St. / PO Box 996 47402-0996  
337-1337 ext. 20  
www.wonderlab.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Jeanne Gunning      **Minimum Age:** 13 or entering 7th grade  
**Email:** volunteer@wonderlab.org

*Provides opportunities for people of all ages, especially children, to experience the wonder and excitement of science through exhibits and programs that stimulate curiosity, encourage exploration and foster lifelong learning.*

\* Donate your body to science by volunteering at WonderLab, helping visitors explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Volunteering opportunities for teens entering grades 7 and above are available Tuesday through Sunday and fit any schedule. Special events include the annual BubbleFest in July. Have fun, get work experience, and give a boost to your college or job application.